

A marked-up copy of the prior pending paragraph showing the changes made is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for manufacturing solid bodies, comprising the steps of:

*Cz* adding nutrients including sucrose to water kefir cultures creating a biopolymer mixture of liquid and polysaccharide grains;

separating the polysaccharide grains from the liquid via sieving; and

drying said grains to form solid bodies.

*Cz* 3. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of pouring the mixture into molds before said step of drying.

A marked-up copy of amended claims 1 and 3 showing the changes made is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-6 are in the application. The